Always by Design

Home Design Philadelphia

Contemporary sustainable shore home sleeps eight

House is located on a 50’x100’ mid-block plot in Cape May Point, NJ, one of America’s oldest seaside resorts. The program for this vacation home was to accommodate eight guests and eventual year-round retirement use – in less than 2,100 sq. ft.

Designed for LEED-Silver certification, multiple goals are achieved within each aspect of the design – starting with the namesake tower element. The prospect tower alludes to turrets of earlier Queen Anne style houses on the Point and provides a treetop-level migratory bird observatory, while serving as a passive cooling chimney for the entire house.

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Modern Architecture

Welcome to Always by Design, architects and designers.
We create places where people truly enjoy living and working.

See examples of workplaces and dwellings we've designed.

Creative Collaboration

Philadelphia architect Ed Barnhart, founder of AxD,
works closely with clients and craftsmen, from concept to completion. Join Ed for his 2-minute introductory video.

The Goal: Create a landmark LEED certified coastal vacation home.

Sustainable design features included a vegetative (“green”) roof, rainwater harvesting, and EnergyStar certification for this new home at Cape May Point. The habitat-style-garden is attractive to migratory wildlife and utilizes indigenous and drought-tolerant plants.

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The architecture of Always by Design is diverse – encompassing cultural facilities, educational institutions, retail spaces, and residences.
What is consistent is our:

- **Providing a highly *personalized* level of care**
  - Responding to *specific* needs and circumstances
  - Producing innovative, *contemporary* solutions
  - Shaping spaces that are *engaging* to users

- Since its inception, AxD has sought to create the best possible architectural solutions – regardless of project size or building type. Our smallest project was an aviary addition for a tropical bird – with a shower to simulate a rainforest!

Services offered by AxD include space needs assessments, feasibility studies, code analysis, sustainable design consulting, and architectural design – from concept through completion – for new buildings, additions, renovations and interior fit-outs.

We engage owners, contractors, and trade specialists in creative collaboration, from project start to completion, to achieve inspiring and enduring results.

Responsiveness:-We approach each architectural project with a “beginner’s mind” – not with what worked for someone else under different circumstances. We are responsive to each project’s specific needs and unique opportunities. We tailor architecture to fit each situation.

Accountability:-The intimate studio environment of AxD allows the principal Ed Barnhart to function as the primary designer and go-to "point person" for each project. This assures continuity of communication, design direction, and quality control.

Hands-on Experience:-We take a very hands-on approach to our work. Our first project was a small vacation residence gatehouse – designed and erected by the project team. All of our architectural design, detailing, specifications and construction supervision are done in-house.

Satisfaction:-Our business is founded on referrals and repeat clients and collaborators. We work to make every relationship a success and the basis of a long term relationship.

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